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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **SAN JOSE DIVISION**

11 TASHA SMITH and FREDIERICK
12 SMITH, individually and on behalf of all
13 others similarly situated,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 vs.

16 INTUIT INC., a Delaware Corporation,

17 Defendant.
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CASE NO.: **5:12-cv-00222-EJD**

CLASS ACTION

**~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER
PRELIMINARILY APPROVING
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT, CONDITIONALLY
CERTIFYING SETTLEMENT
CLASS, DIRECTING NOTICE OF
PROPOSED CLASS SETTLEMENT,
AND SCHEDULING A FAIRNESS
HEARING DATE**

1 WHEREAS, Tasha Smith, Fredierick Smith, and Sache Quildon, and
2 Defendant, Intuit Inc., have reached a proposed settlement and compromise of the
3 claims in the above-captioned matter, which arise from the Refund Processing Service
4 offered, marketed, and/or provided in connection with TurboTax online, which is
5 embodied in the Settlement Agreement filed with the Court; and

6 WHEREAS, the parties have applied to the Court for preliminary approval of
7 the proposed Settlement, the terms and conditions of which are set forth in the
8 Settlement Agreement;

9 WHEREAS, the Capitalized Terms herein shall have the same meaning as in
10 the Settlement Agreement;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, the Court, having read and considered the Settlement
12 Agreement and accompanying documents, as well as the Motion for Preliminary
13 Settlement Approval and supporting papers, and the parties to the Settlement
14 Agreement having consented to the entry of this order, AND GOOD CAUSE
15 APPEARING,

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

17 1. Subject to further consideration by the Court at the time of the Fairness
18 Hearing, the Court preliminarily approves the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and
19 adequate to the Settlement Class, as falling within the range of possible final approval,
20 and as meriting submission to the Settlement Class for its consideration.

21 2. For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court certifies the Settlement
22 Class, which means: All Intuit customers in the United States who used Intuit's
23 TurboTax online and utilized the Refund Processing Service from the time period
24 from and including January 12, 2008, through the date of this Order granting
25 preliminary approval of the settlement. Excluded from the class are all persons who
26 elect to exclude themselves from the class, Intuit, the Court and staff to whom this
27 case is assigned, and any member of the Court's or staff's immediate family.
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1 3. The Court preliminarily finds, solely for purposes of considering this
2 Settlement, that the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 appear to be
3 satisfied, including requirements for the existence of an ascertainable class,
4 numerosity, typicality, commonality, adequacy of representation, and manageability
5 of a settlement class, that common issues of law and fact predominate over
6 individualized issues, and that a settlement class is superior to alternative means of
7 resolving the claims and disputes at issue in this Action.

8 4. Tasha Smith, Fredierick Smith, and Sache Quildon shall serve as class
9 representatives of the class.

10 5. The Court appoints the following counsel as Class Counsel for purposes
11 of this settlement:

12 Hank Bates and Allen Carney
13 CARNEY BATES & PULLIAM, PLLC
14 11311 Arcade Drive, Suite 200
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72212;

15 Richard M. Golomb, Ruben Honik, and Kenneth J. Grunfeld
16 GOLOMB & HONIK,
17 1515 Market Street, Suite 1100
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102;

18 M. Ryan Casey and Brian T. Ku
19 KU & MUSSMAN, PA
20 12550 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 406
21 Miami, Florida 33181; and

22 Gillian Wade and Isaac Miller
23 MILSTEIN ADELMAN, LLP
24 2800 Donald Douglas Loop North
 Santa Monica, California 90405

25 The Court preliminarily finds that the Class Representative and Class Counsel
26 fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the absent Settlement Class
27 Members in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g).
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1 6. The Court approves the nomination of Heffler Claims Administration,
2 1515 Market Street, Suite 1700, Philadelphia, PA 19102 to administer the Settlement.

3 7. A Fairness Hearing shall be held before this Court at 9:00 a.m. on
4 September 27, 2013 in Courtroom 4 at 280 South First Street, San Jose, CA
5 95113, to address: (a) whether the proposed Settlement should be finally approved as
6 fair, reasonable and adequate; (b) whether the Final Approval Order and Judgment
7 should be entered; (c) whether Class Counsel's application for attorney's fees,
8 expenses, and Class Representatives' service awards should be approved; and (d) any
9 other matters that the Court deems appropriate.

10 8. With the exception of such proceedings as are necessary to implement,
11 effectuate and grant final approval to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, all
12 proceedings with respect to the claims in this Action are stayed and all Settlement
13 Class Members are enjoined from commencing or continuing any action or
14 proceeding in any court or tribunal asserting any claims encompassed by the
15 Settlement Agreement, unless the Settlement Class Member timely files a valid
16 Request for Exclusion as defined in the Settlement Agreement.

17 9. The Court has reviewed and approves, as to form and content, the
18 Publication Notice, the Postcard Notice, and the Long Form Notice, all of which are
19 attached to the Settlement Agreement. On or before July 24, 2013, the Publication
20 Notice shall be posted on the Settlement Administrator's website and published in the
21 USA Today. No later than August 23, 2013, the Settlement Administrator shall file
22 with the Court declarations attesting to compliance with this Order.

23 10. The Court finds that the Parties' plan for providing notice to the
24 Settlement Class described in Section VIII of the Settlement Agreement constitutes
25 the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due and
26 sufficient notice to the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action, certification of
27 the Settlement Class, the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and the Fairness
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1 Hearing, and complies fully with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil
2 Procedure, the United States Constitution, and any other applicable law.

3 The Settlement Administrator shall complete dissemination of notice in the manner
4 prescribed in Section VIII of the Settlement Agreement no later than July 24, 2013.

5 11. The Court further finds that the notice plan described in Sections VIII
6 and IX of the Settlement Agreement will adequately inform members of the
7 Settlement Class of their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class so as
8 not to be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Any member of the
9 Settlement Class who desires to be excluded from the Settlement Class, and therefore
10 not be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement, must submit to the Settlement
11 Administrator, pursuant to the instructions set forth in the Notice, a timely and valid
12 written Request for Exclusion no later than September 23, 2013.

13 12. Any member of the Settlement Class who elects to be excluded shall not
14 be entitled to receive any of the benefits of the Settlement, shall not be bound by the
15 release of any claims pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, and shall not be entitled
16 to object to the Settlement or appear at the Fairness Hearing. The names of all
17 Persons timely submitting valid Requests for Exclusion shall be provided to the Court
18 by the Settlement Administrator at least thirty (30) days before the Fairness Hearing.

19 13. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely
20 Request for Exclusion may object to the Settlement Agreement, to Class Counsel's
21 application for attorney's fees and costs, to the Class Representatives' service award,
22 or to the proposed Order and Judgment. All objections must be postmarked by the
23 Objection Deadline. All objections must be filed with the Court thirty (30) days
24 before the Fairness Hearing. No Class Member shall have the right to appear and be
25 heard at the Fairness Hearing, either personally or through an attorney, unless written
26 notice of the Class Member's objection and any brief in support of the objection have
27 been filed with the Court and served upon Class Counsel and Intuit's Counsel in
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1 conformance with the procedure set out in the detailed notice, which is Exhibit 1 to
2 the Settlement Agreement.

3 14. Service of all papers on counsel for the Parties shall be made as follows:
4 for Class Counsel to the counsel listed in paragraph 4 above, and for Defendant's
5 Counsel, to Austin V. Schwing, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 555 Mission Street,
6 San Francisco, CA. 94105.

7 15. Any Settlement Class Member who does not make an objection in the
8 time and manner provided in the detailed notice, which is Exhibit 1 to the Settlement
9 Agreement, shall be deemed to have waived such objection and be forever foreclosed
10 from making any objection to the fairness or adequacy of the proposed settlement as
11 incorporated in the Settlement Agreement, the payment of attorney's fees and costs,
12 the Class Representatives' service award, the allocation of the Settlement Fund, or the
13 Final Approval Order and Judgment.

14 16. In the event that the proposed Settlement is not approved by the Court, or
15 in the event that the Settlement Agreement becomes null and void pursuant to its
16 terms, this Order and all orders entered in connection therewith shall become null and
17 void, shall be of no further force and effect, and shall not be used or referred to for any
18 purposes whatsoever in this Action or in any other case or controversy; in such event
19 the Settlement Agreement and all negotiations and proceedings directly related thereto
20 shall be deemed to be without prejudice to the rights of any and all of the Parties, who
21 shall be restored to their respective positions as of the date and time immediately
22 preceding the execution of the Settlement Agreement.

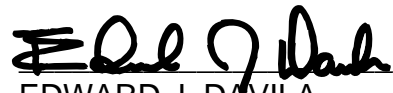
23 17. The Court may, for good cause, extend any of the deadlines set forth in
24 this Order without further notice to the Settlement Class Members. The Fairness
25 Hearing may, from time to time and without further notice to the Settlement Class, be
26 continued by order of the Court.

18. The following schedule shall apply:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
1. Deadline for parties to create and fund the Settlement Fund	June 24, 2013
2. Deadline for Defendant to provide list of potential Class Members to the Administrator	June 24, 2013
3. Notice Deadline-Notice shall be sent to all persons identified on the list of potential Class Members	July 24, 2013
4. Deadline for Filing Motion for Final Approval and Motion for Attorney's Fees, Costs and Service Awards	August 23, 2013
5. Objection Deadline-Class Members that wish to object to the Settlement must send written notice by this time	August 28, 2013
6. Opt-Out Deadline-Class Members that wish to exclude themselves from the Settlement must send written request by this time	September 23, 2013
7. Final Approval Hearing	9:00 a.m. on September 27, 2013
8. Claims Deadline-Class Members must submit Proof of Claim Forms by this time	October 28, 2013

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: May 28, 2013


 EDWARD J. DAVILA
 United States District Judge